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## IN THE STEPS OF JESUS

No Turning Back, or Cutting Across a Near Way, or Stepping Outside The Path.

THE WAY TO HEAVEN AT ANY COST.

Some people have a desire to follow in the steps of Jesus and others do not, but whether there is a desire or not, we are sure it is a good way to go.

In a prophecy evidently intended for our day the Psalmist said, "Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven; yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; \* \* \* Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps." (Psalm 85:11-13.) Truth and righteousness are here now. The truth is shining brighter and brighter as we near the goal. There is real genuine righteousness on earth, although the blackness of sin almost hides it at times. But in the face of all wickedness the Lord will give that which is good and the prophet declares God will set us in His steps. If He is going to set us in His steps, then it is certainly His will for us to follow in the steps of Jesus.

There is another line of thought to which I wish to call attention right here. In one of the richest Psalms of the Bible it is declared that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," and if we come under this head by the virtue of the blood of Jesus Christ having availed for us to the extent that we can be the "good man" of the text, happy are we. And I am sure if our steps are ordered by the Lord they will not be very far from those made by our blessed Lord.

Nearly three thousand years ago it was stated that God would keep the feet of His saints. (2 Sam. 22:9.) I believe it is true now as well as then. The main thing, then, is to occupy a position in spirituality that you can truly be a saint and when this is realized there can be no reason for fear or worry because God will order the steps. (Psalm 37:23), and keep the feet in the right path.

This is not foreign to the same teaching that Jesus gave when He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things (food, clothing, and other necessities of life) shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33.) The only thing necessary is to keep pure and clean and holy, and be a saint, and be the "good man" so the steps will be ordered of the Lord, and the necessities of life are sure to be supplied.

With all these conditions met there is no reason for anxiety, or unrest, or distress. God will keep the feet in the right path. He will order the steps, and supply the necessary food and clothing. This may not mean for one to all the time walk on flowery beds of ease, and have no hardships to endure, but it means that whatever comes in your life you take it as a love greeting from the Lord.

A certain man had written on his weather vane on his barn the words, "God is love." Some one asked him if he meant to show that God's love was as fickle as the wind, to which he replied, "O, no sir, I mean by that, that no matter which way the wind blows God is love." Then when one is truly a saint of God and he has a deep un-

wavering assurance of that fact, no matter what kind of winds of trouble blow across your path the same unerring hand is guiding and He is still ordering your steps aright.

I have heard people say, "I am sure I am in the right way because I have no trouble and everything is working to my hand." But it may be equally true that one is in the right way, or the way marked out by the Lord, when trouble upon trouble is heaped upon you.

Remember Joseph, the delight of his father. His steps were ordered by the Lord while he was on his way to Egypt and after he was there, although the path led through the pits in the wilderness, carried off by the caravan as a slave, sold, placed in prison, neglected by friends and lost to his heart-broken father.

The reason Jacob suffered so when his boy was so cruelly wrenched from him was because he did not understand God's ways. He did not know it was God ordering the steps of his son and leading him into Egypt to be exalted to a position of great honor as well as to preserve the lives of the entire Jacob family.

This is the reason so many people are heart-broken, grieved and worried in these days, is because they do not understand the ways of the Lord. The secret of successful peace and happiness is to be a saint, and rest with the assurance that the Lord is ordering your steps because you are a good man or a good woman. And although the path may seem rough and rugged and thorny, yet a sincere trust in the unfailing promises of God will give rest, comfort and satisfaction.

If you walk in the steps of Jesus, which you pray to do, which you sing to do, which you expect to do, then do not feel disappointed if you come upon some rugged ways where your feet will be torn, lacerated, and often bleeding so you may be traced by the blood you leave on the rocks and rubbish. Draw consolation by thinking your steps are ordered by the Lord, and sing in real earnestness, "Jesus passed this way before." If God keeps the feet of His saints, which means he will direct their steps, you need not experience any uneasiness, no matter what you have to pass through.

Be a saint, that is all. "He will keep the feet of his saints." Be a good man, that is all. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way." Seek first the kingdom, and be satisfied with what ever comes your way. You may be thrown into a furnace of afflictions, but listen, "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom. 8:28.) Then draw consolation, and even joy from the saying, "The trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire." (1 Peter 1:7.)

The only trouble you need to have, the only concern you need to feel is to be sure you are a saint, a good man whose steps are ordered by the Lord. I was once brought face to face with

a certain difficulty. My faith seemed to be tested to the very last. It seemed I could bear it no longer. I kept it all to myself, except I ventured to call upon a certain man of God as I believed him to be, and related to him the conditions. In my story I was careful to tell him I did not question God, nor His ability to help me, nor the truth of God's promises; the only thing I wanted was to know that I could not be mistaken about my experience. I only wanted his help so I might be perfectly assured I was a true saint and a good man so I could shelter under the promises. I was careful to tell him I did not want sympathy or aid in my troubles, I only wanted to know for sure that I fully measured to the Word of God so I could trust in God and His promises without the least presumption.

The lesson I learned in that particular test of faith and trust has been of untold value to me ever since that time. I rejoice until now because I went through it without the least murmur or complaint, and without asking for help or sympathy except that I might know I was a true child of God and no mistake about it. I am sure that to follow in the steps of Jesus is the proper and good way to go, no matter where it leads the faithful pilgrim.

I am so sure this is the way that I do not hesitate to say in connection with the theme, No turning back, or cutting across a near way, or stepping outside the path. Some may experience stormy times and decide to turn back because the way seems hard, but they will never accomplish much in this world for God if they do. Some may cut across a near way to spare themselves of some apparent trouble, but that only shows a weakness. Some may step outside the path long enough for the danger or trouble to pass by, but I am afraid they may not get back squarely in the path again if they do.

It is much easier to compromise than to stand squarely in the path marked out by the Lord and take the fiery darts of the enemy, but it will not pay to do it. Paul could have taken the advice of friends and prophets when they told him that trouble awaited him at Jerusalem and begged him not to go, when he was on his way thither, but no, he kept squarely in the path and replied, "What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? (by trying to persuade me to step aside from the path of duty) for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 21:13.)

Paul would never compromise. After he started there was no turning back, or cutting across a near way to escape the hardships and trials that awaited him. If Paul could stand true in his day and never turn aside, or turn back to save his poor old back from being striped and beaten, surely we should heed his exhortation when he says, "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me." (1 Cor. 4:16.)

Paul explained fully that he walked in the steps of Jesus, for he said again, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1.) We dare not question the truthfulness of his statement. Then when we compare his life with that of the Savior we can readily understand that he followed in the steps of Jesus throughout his life. Indeed it was his expressed desire to suffer for his Lord. He wanted to fill up that

which (was) behind of the afflictions of Christ in (his) flesh for the sake of the Church. (Col. 1:24.)

Do you covet an experience like this? Do you this day choose a stormy career similar to that of Paul? Do you really want to follow Paul as he followed Christ when you know it was his delight to wade into trouble rather than turn back or compromise? Are you able to say as sincerely as you believe Paul said it in actual experience, "No turning back, or cutting across a near way, or stepping outside the path?" Can you say from the depths of your soul that you have fully made up your mind to follow in the steps of Jesus when you know the paths He trod and the suffering He endured?

Surely no one will say the path Jesus took is not the way to heaven. Then if such a path is the way to heaven we can surely say from the depths of our souls that we will travel in the way to heaven at any cost. Peter saw it when he wrote, "When ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:20,21.)

Following Jesus then means a life of suffering. Peter further explains by saying, "When he was reviled, reviled not again." This is to say that when you are spoken to roughly you will not fling it back in the same rough manner. When you suffer some persecution you are not to complain or threaten what you are going to do. Read it as Peter put it. (1 Peter 2:15-25.) Then if you are called upon to be beaten and bruised and scolded and treated roughly, remember that "Jesus passed this way before," and rejoice because you are "counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." (Acts 5:41.)

The secret of success in being able to suffer and endure hardness with good grace, and glad of it, is being in such close touch with God that you can have the full unquestionable assurance that you are a saint of God living up to the requirements of the Bible in every particular. This is what gave Peter and John such boldness and rejoicing in the midst of suffering. This is the reason Stephen's face could shine so brilliantly while the stones were falling heavily upon him.

A good clear conscience is worth everything. Remember that God says by the mouth of one of His holy prophets that "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11.) Then when you are a saint of God walking uprightly, and trouble and suffering comes upon you, you can take it as a good thing and in the language of Paul say, "GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:20.) Thank God for it as a good thing and go on with your songs and rejoicing. (1 Thes. 5:16.)

Sometimes people get an understanding that following in the steps of Jesus is an easy smooth way. Well, it depends upon what one means by this whether it is an easy smooth way or not. Jesus Himself says, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:30.) This is true if people have enough religion to take them over on the easy side of a rough rugged stormy life. Paul was over there so he gloried in tribulation. Peter and

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

L. HOWARD JULLERAT.

Jesus Christ was the greatest missionary. God so loved the world that He gave—what? His ONLY Son. Are YOU willing to give your son? Go ye into all the world—Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America, Australia, the many isles of the seas.

For the past centuries many missionaries have gone forth to conquer and to die. Deeds of heroism have been performed by pioneers of the faith; the annals of history furnish no greater treasure than the lives of Christian missionaries.

As the soldiers of Caesar were found in every corner of his vast empire so could the soldiers of the cross be seen bearing the message of peace to the empire's remotest bounds. Bearing their Master's great commission they scorned persecutions and hardships and amid blood and fire they unfurled their banner to the breeze. Imperial edicts, the injustice of magistrates, the cruelty of soldiers, the taunts and jeers of a heathen populace, yea, the fagot, the sword and the cross could not stop the onward course of the gospel.

Justin Martyr said: "There is no race of men, whether Greek or barbarian, among whom prayers and thanks are not offered up in the name of the Crucified."

Tertullian wrote: "We are but of yesterday, and we fill all your cities, islands, forts, coun- cils, even the camps themselves, the tribes, decuries, the palaces, the senate and the forum."

Blazing the way thru trackless wilds of heathen growth they encountered dangers calculated to discourage all but the stoutest hearts.

The gospel must go! No obstacles shall stand in the way. The energies of Almighty God are in this work. If you fail to do your duty some one else will be found. The ends of the world have come upon us! Generation after generation has come and gone leaving the work undone. What are we going to do?

Young man, young woman, your hour of decision has come. The moment for action is here. The great field of souls is before you. The pierced hands of the Master are outstretched and His gentle voice says, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold." Your answer is fraught with eternal issues. Many have turned away from the trail of suffering and have taken the way of ease. Many have lingered around home instead of point-

John were over there so they rejoiced when they were beaten and whipped. Many of the saints of all ages have been there in experience and they would not accept deliverance. (Heb. 11:35.) They enjoyed it. We must walk so uprightly and perfect before God that nothing can come upon us but what we know God allows for our good, then we can enjoy it too, knowing we are walking in the steps of our Savior.

Full consecration, thorough resignation to the whole will of God, bring a peace in time of storm and joy in time of trouble.

Make up your mind to follow Jesus, and do not back down when trouble comes. Learn to smile through your tears and say, Thank you Father. Thy will be done.

ing others to the Home above. Many have eaten their bread alone instead of feeding the hungry the Bread of Life. Many have slaked their thirst at the old home well, instead of slaking the thirsty from the Living Fountain.

O the profound selfishness and shameful indifference of many who claim to be wholly sanctified! Your profession is a mockery before God; your words are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. You say you love God and will go any where, yet you have never left the grills pot at the old home place. I tell you, brethren, judgment must begin at the house of God. Preachers hanging around for the best charges like buzzards about a carcass while the heathen world is dying for spiritual food.

The time has come to awake. The responsibility is upon us; we dare not neglect; we cannot shake it off. What will you tell the Master?

Doors of opportunity have opened of late in many quarters of the earth. Never has there been such a need of consecrated men and women. Do you say you are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire? Then, behold your work—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me \* \* \* \* unto the uttermost part of the earth." Neglect at this juncture is absolutely criminal; we must heed the pleading calls or share in the guilt.

This is the supreme hour; behold the world on fire, men aflame with passion; mighty nations in mortal combat; reserves of men and money being marshaled for the titanic conflict. O Church of God, thy hour has come! Thy great Commander says, "Forward!" the open doors of hermit kingdoms now say "Forward!" the poll of barbarism spreading over enlightened lands says, "Forward!" yea, in the very innermost recesses of our hearts we can hear the mighty Spirit of God say, "Forward!"

Sacrifice is the slogan; without it little can be done. The need is tremendous, the effort must be so. Nothing less than real sacrifice can be effective. As the god of war is draining the world of its finest manhood and its accumulated wealth, may our God be given the best there is among us to send this gospel to every kindred, tongue and tribe. If you can't go, then give of your means and help some one else to go. By all means pray the Lord of the harvest that laborers may go forth.

After all of life is over I can see a company of the redeemed stand before God. They left their native homes, they bade farewell to homeland dear, to friends and kin, out, far away across the foam to darkened lands they go. To heathen lost they point the way: to hungry souls they feed the Bread of Life. Weary and footsore, tired and lonely they go on in His name. They followed Jesus all the way; they paid the price. Behold, now the king bestows upon them the victor's crown WILL YOU GO?

### Notice.

Wife and I have been appointed by our church as state missionary evangelists and we expect to visit every church in the state as fast as we can get around and try to build up the waste places as we go.

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Churches, or people where there are no churches, desiring our services write me at 402 Pulliam St., Atlanta, Ga.

S. J. Heath.



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A token of love came to us this week from Brother J. L. Dugger of Sarasota Fla. A crate of tomatoes. Very many thanks my dear brother. Your favor is greatly appreciated.

Order your Sunday school literature now and make ample provision for a good school next quarter. See prices in another column.

If you are not sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost you ought to be. Make haste, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

We must not only prepare to do big things, but we must do them. Let us all lend a hand and push and spread this wonderful gospel.

We are sparing no labor nor expense to make the Evangel go. We appreciate the loving assistance our friends are giving us in every way. God will reward them.

The Bible school is to open immediately after the Assembly this year. Those who expect to attend should get fully prepared to be on hands the very first day. There are several applications in already.

The Assembly will open this year D. V. on the very last day of October and run over into November as usual.

Some people seem to think we talk about the Church of God too much, but surely we cannot honor the body of our Lord too much. I am afraid such people do not have a clear knowledge of what the Bible Church is, or they would think differently.

If you have never spoken in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance you have not been baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Let us all try to feel ourselves drawing closer to each other in spirit no matter where our bodies are. We need the protection and love of one another as the last days are drawing to a final close.

In one of our services recently we felt such a sadness. We could not help but think some of our people somewhere were in trouble and we were dipped in sympathy with them. 1 Cor. 12:26.

I am wondering why there are so many people among those

who are connected with divorces and remarriages disturbed at this time. The number of letters of inquiry are increasing. I can only tell them how the Assembly stands, with the question unsettled. Following is a copy of the minute, viz.—"After hours of discussion and searching of the Scriptures and extra session that lasted until after midnight besides, a real decision was never reached,\*\*\*however it was decided that there was only one cause granted for a divorce that would leave either party innocent and at liberty to marry and that was fornication. It was advised that it was really the safest for all parties to remain unmarried who were divorced for any cause. It was further decided that none who are divorced and married again are eligible to membership in the Lord's church except the innocent party of Matt. 5:32. \*\*\* In case of a man having two living wives wishing to connect himself with the church, also in case of a woman having two living husbands desiring the same, we recommend that the church to which they wish to unite appoint a committee to investigate the cause and for the church to act according to the advice given by the Assembly."

The above has been in force ever since 1913 Assembly. The reason it was advised that parties separated for any cause should remain unmarried was because the question was undecided, and there was such a strong sentiment believing it wrong to marry while a companion was living that the Assembly decided to advise that it was the safest for parties to remain unmarried no matter what had been the cause of separation.

I wish to make one more strong appeal for help. This time it is for help to get subscribers for the Church of God Evangel at one dollar a year. We have not yet reached the ten thousand mark, but surely we will not have to repeat this many more times. Lend a hand and get your neighbors and friends to subscribe. If you cannot prevail on them to subscribe for a year get them to try it six or three months. Send for subscription blanks and extra copies and go to work in earnest. God will reward you for your effort.

## Alabama City, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

There has been so much said about style and dressing, I would like to say just a few words.

There are more Pentecostal women and girls who "underdress" than there are that "overdress."

Many times the way we dress shows the condition of our hearts. No woman with the Christlike spirit, and of course, a desire to be like Christ wants to look like a 1918 fashion plate or the third chapter of Isaiah either.

There is nothing that speaks louder of the condition of the heart than clothes. We should always dress neat and clean. No one should be satisfied to go to church or any other services without being perfectly clean. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."—Isa. 52:11.

The queen of Sheba was impressed very much with the attendance and apparel of Solomon's ministers, also his cup bearers and their apparel. See 2Chron. 9:4.

The modest apparel of 1 Tim. 2:9 is not fashion nor slouchiness either, but "as becometh holiness." Paul did not intend that clothes be our adorning but "good works." Of course we must have clothes and they should be that which becometh women professing (also possessing) godliness.

In many places I find sisters, bless their hearts, who really bring a reproach on the Church

of God by their way of careless dressing.

Some say, "I can't dress nice." Yes, you can. If we have nothing but calico we can be neat and clean in it.

I hear others say, "I am dead to the world and everything in it" when to some things they seem very much alive. We can strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. See Mat. 23:24.

Some testify that the Lord saved them from "rats" when we know the style has changed and of course no one else is wearing them.

I don't think a saint should wear feathers or flowers on their hats and of course while the world is wearing plain hats it will be easy for us to do so, too, but, dear sisters, let's continue to wear them after the style changes and the world all wears dressed hats.

I have heard people say "Since I have salvation I don't care how I look." This is wrong. We should care more than ever how we look. Folks sometimes class us with the trash because we are slouchy in our dress. We can dress in a neat manner without making any pretense toward keeping up with styles. Above everything, we can go to services CLEAN.

Sometimes a preacher will go to a place and begin preaching(?) against style when not one in the whole neighborhood knows what the styles are. This sometimes causes the sisters to become careless in their apparel and more real harm is done than if clothes had never been mentioned.

May the precious sisters be careful also how they dress their little girls. I have been shocked at the manner in which some of them are dressed by their mothers. The girls of today are the women of tomorrow. If we take the advice of the wise man we will train them (this includes their manner of dress) in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it.

May the Lord help us to be just right and then it will be no trouble to dress just right.

Your sister,  
Mrs. A. Gann.

## Russellville, Ala.

Dear Friend Tomlinson—Grace, Mercy and Peace be Unto You:

For many days I have been trying to get my heart right with God. I have been taught that I could not live without sin but as I read the Word of God I find Scripture that reads like this: "Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him neither known Him."—1 John 3:6.

I ask all the saints to pray a special prayer for me and my wife. We have been praying that some one would help us to find the light, that we might do something for the Lord. Please pray for us. There is no Church of God here for us to go to.

We read the Evangel and it makes us to want to get right, stay right, do right, be right and pray right. Through the Evangel we ask for help.

Yours truly,  
Henry Ayers.

## Revival Meeting Notice.

Revival services will begin at Bankhead, Ala. July 25, 1918. Brother Robinson and Brother Luther Richard will have charge of the services. Everybody is invited.

For further information address V. L. Smith, Mentone, Ala.

## Dora, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for the deep settled peace in my soul. I can never tell how wonderful it is. God is so good to me I can never praise Him enough.

I desire the prayers of all.  
Your brother,  
Joe Bates.

## Valdosta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Savior because He has saved me from sin, sanctified me through the blood and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Jesus said: "I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." Glory to God! He is abiding this morning.

I am glad we can know about this experience just as well as we can know our sins are forgiven. Peace is one evidence of the forgiveness of sins. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:1. Great joy is one evidence of sanctification. "And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."—St. Luke 24:52. Speaking in tongues is an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."—St. John 15:26.

Some people say it is all of the devil, but Jesus said it proceedeth from the Father. Hallelujah! I believe it.

Please pray for me that I shall be found in the center of His will. I want to die on the battlefield for Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,  
C. L. Harris.

## Long Island, Ala.

Dear Brother:

I am not a member of the Church of God, but I know I shall be some day if God permits. My heart hungers and thirsts for the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ, and I am determined by the help of God to go all the way with Jesus.

Always, from my school days, I have wanted to be a servant for Jesus. Last January 28, He forgave my sins and I have enjoyed life ever since better than I ever did before.

I have been reading my Bible daily, also the Evangel and tracts of the Church of God. I am so hungry for the blessing which they teach. I want to be humble and do God's will.

I trust God will use me for His glory, that I may bear the toils of this life for Jesus; for I am convinced that this life is not worth living if I can't live it for Jesus.

As my heart yearns for the baptism of the Holy Ghost I shall be glad to receive a letter of encouragement from some one who has the Holy Ghost. I have given up all for Jesus and am trying to live a pure life for Him. Please pray for me. A letter from anyone would be highly appreciated.

Your brother,  
John Hill.

## Jasper, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed our meeting here, five miles from Jennings, Fla., with great victory. Seven were baptized with the Holy Ghost, eleven were saved and sanctified and ten were baptized in water. Glory to God! Hallelujah!

Brother Frank Harris of Jasper, Fla., set the church in order. We also had with us Brother Wm. Hudson of Valdosta, Ga.

We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the services.

Please pray for us that we may continue to fight on for Jesus. I mean to go all the way with Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,  
Ethel Sanches.

## Doerun, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to sound a note of praise to Jesus this morning for what He has done for me.

On March 18, 1916 I was taken very ill and the following May I had a light operation. Instead of getting better, I gradually grew worse. The following September I was carried to the hospital where I went through with a dreadful operation. Then I was brought home and I began to think every breath was my last one. Inflammation of the stomach set up and an abscess formed in my left side. I was taken back for a third operation which was performed Dec. 18, 1916. I was sent home in January.

I did not seem to get any better. I could eat nothing but what burned my stomach terribly, and I vomited a part of everything I ate and also blood. All the while I suffered the most intense pain.

In November 1917 I was carried back for a fourth operation. The doctor pronounced the trouble, "ulcerated stomach" and said I was in the last stage. He said I could live only a short while if I didn't have the operation, but if I survived the operation I might live.

The doctor came to the hospital one night and instructed the nurse to have me ready for the operation at 9:30 a. m. the next day. In a few minutes after he arrived at his home that night he became seriously ill and was sent to New York for an operation.

I returned home. And one night as I was lying awake and studying over my condition I remembered that Jesus died for our sins and made provision for our healing, for the Word says "By his stripes we are healed." So I began calling on His great name asking Him to save and heal me. Praise His name! He sent His mighty healing power and touched my body and in that self same hour I was healed. Glory to His name! He also saved my sin sick soul and sanctified me with His precious blood that flowed from His wounded side.

A few weeks ago Brother Lemons came here and set the church in order. I received the blessed Holy Ghost, joined the Church of God and was re-baptized. I feel the Lord in my soul today. Praise His dear name!

I certainly have something for which to praise God. I know He had a purpose in preventing my undergoing that last operation. I am so glad that God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I want to ever have my eyes fixed on Jesus and ever do His precious will. I want to rise to higher ground. I am pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I am so glad I ever learned to trust Jesus for He is all this world to me.

I desire your prayers that I shall ever be found faithful.  
Your sister in Christ,  
Earlie Minton.

## Long Island, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel like saying something for Jesus, He has done so much for me.

I was once lost and on my way to hell, but the dear Lord stopped me and brought me down on a bed of affliction and put me under conviction. But I was so highheaded I would not yield until I was nearly dead. But now I am thanking God for saving and sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I am glad to say my treasures are in heaven and not in this old world that is soon to pass away. I covet the prayers of all the saints that I shall learn more and more about His holy way.

Your sister,  
Eva Hill.

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## Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

## SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

## THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists, now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

## FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

## FIFTH SECTION.

Tenn., Ky., Va., W. Va., Pa., Md., Ohio, Ill., Mich., and all other places in the United States not named above.

Be it known to all Evangelists whose membership is in the above named states or any other place in the United States not named above, that on and after May 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

As the year is getting so far along we will not recall credentials from ministers in the Bahama Islands or other foreign countries, and their office will hold good until next Assembly. This is the last call for this year. I hope all will pay attention to it and let us get through with it as quickly as possible.  
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## "Therefore Be Ye Also Ready."

SAM C. PERRY.

Life is uncertain. Time is flying. Changes come suddenly. We are passing away. Nothing here seems permanent. We may desire to stay but we can't. Something is pressing us onward. A tide, irresistible, moves everything.

A young girl said last night, "I was talking with my father at eight o'clock, he was well and strong, at eleven he was dead." So is this present world. With material things also. Property, pleasure and all desirable things go, as quickly as they come. There is no alternative; the tide moves on.

For a very short time only, can the things of earth possibly abide and satisfy. How quickly the time comes when the soul finds "all is vanity and vexation of spirit." But what a task to get men to see this. It holds them in its grasp. It sweeps them off their feet, they are helpless under its power, yet they confess they need to prepare for the coming judgment. But forgetful of the fact that any passing moment may be their last on earth, they do not observe the "safety first" motto, and rush on to their eternal doom.

Men are warned by the preaching of the Word, by the operation of the Spirit through their own conscience, and by a thousand providences in every day life of the brevity of life and certainty of death and the judgment. Material conditions in the earth today speak to men of God and judgment in a wonderful way. A few are being awakened, but how few comparatively. They will not hear.

A young soldier, who said he was once a Christian but had fallen away, declared that he believed this great war had come on account of the sins of the people, and he felt that prayer to God was needed to turn the people from sin, yet he has not returned to God himself. God suffers men to sin for a time, but the time finally comes when His judgments must be felt if there is no repentance. The time of His judgments has surely come to many today.

But in the midst of wrath God remembers mercy, and if it be too late now for some to turn to the Lord, yet there are many who might return to Him, if they would, and we wonder in the face of all that is occurring in the world today, that more do not turn unto the Lord. Did the thousands of broken hearted mothers, wives and others but know that in Jesus Christ is a friend who can comfort them, and help them bear their burdens, and make their pathway bright, how glorious it would be. If it is for food, shelter or any good they suffer the "Friend that sticketh closer than a brother" is certainly ready to help. Could they but know that in this their time of extreme need, He stands at the door knocking for admittance, and offering to help.

How sad to think of the millions who have suffered so much on earth and then meet the coming of the Lord and the judgment unprepared, and miss the glorious rest which should have been theirs forever more. They that were ready "went in." The unprepared are shut out forever.

If God's law has been rejected and His love spurned while mercy was offered here, no eye can pity then, no human sympathy, love of parents or human ties can help them. The unprofitable servant, those who have not the wedding garment, will be cast out into outer darkness to weep and wail.

What a pity for the loving mother and father, the devoted son or daughter, or kind friends, people, with tender sympathetic hearts, and full of acts of kind-

ness and love, to fall into the hands of an angry God, who shall say, "Depart I know you not." How careful and good they have been in many things, but "one thing is needful," and they have overlooked that, and all is gone.

Their hearts are full of sympathy for suffering humanity, they will go their full limit in promoting and rearing human ideals, but Jesus, the crucified one, the only Savior of men, does not appeal to them. They have none of His light in them, they have intellectual and physical development, but no spiritual life or light in them. When Jesus comes they will be as the foolish virgins, "No oil in their vessel." To the calls of humanity they have answered no. They have obeyed the laws of the land. But God's call is unheeded. God's law is neglected. They have succeeded so far as this world is concerned, but God says, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" They have lost their soul.

"Safety first," to many means the protection of human life, the earthly home and national existence. This is good so far as it goes, but there is an existence beyond this state, for which this life is merely the preparation, into which we are liable to be plunged at any moment, and a condition of safety for it will insure our conduct for this life. For the apostle Paul declared that "godliness is profitable for the life that now is and the life that is to come."

The salvation of the soul today insures against eternal danger, for we are taught that in such a condition if our earthly house were dissolved "we have a building eternal in the heavens, a house not made with hands."

In face of so many sudden and violent deaths, and the perilous times in which we live, and that there are signs of the soon coming of our King, the only safe place is to live in readiness, that should the call come at any moment it would not take us unawares. "Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

### Home Mission Receipts.

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Ridge, Tenn.,	1 00
Church, Shrewsbury, W.	
Va.,	1 70

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Fla.,	3 25

### Greetings To The Evangel.

We, the Florida State Assembly of the Church of God in session at Wimauma, Florida, do heartily join in sending kind greetings to the Evangel, its editor, its force and all its readers in reply to your kind greetings sent to us through the columns of the last issue.

With a hearty "God bless you" we are yours,  
The Florida State Assembly.  
Aaron A. Smith, clerk.

### Bayland, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:  
I am still praising God for victory over sin and the devil. I am more determined to go through than ever before. The

fire is still burning in my soul.

I praise God for the many blessings He has sent into my home. He has wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost my husband's father, mother and sister since last August. My husband is seeking sanctification and the baptism.

It is enough to make us shout forever, for a year ago our home certainly was filled with sin; Satan had our home bound until the Lord sent Brother and Sister Cook, Sisters Tucker and Wheeler, of Catchings, Miss., to bring us the blessed Word. I accepted God and was wholly sanctified and a month later I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise the Lord!

I praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. He has been so good to me and kept my body healed since August and I have not taken a drop of medicine.

Please pray for me that the Lord may use me for His glory. I want to do the will of God all the time.

Please pray for my companion that he may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and also for my little boy's eyes. He has cataracts.

A sister under the blood,  
Mrs. A. L. Miller.

### Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad that I can give God the praise for saving my soul from sin and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and giving me the witness that the dear saints received on the day of Pentecost Glory! Hallelujah!

I am working in Jacksonville, Fla., in the ship yard among multitudes of wicked men. I do not have the opportunity to hear any preaching but I have two or three back copies of the Evangel and my blessed Bible, so you see I can read and pray to the Lord.

I humbly ask the saints to pray for me that I shall be delivered in time of temptation and that I may be used of the Lord to His glory.

Should any Church of God people come here for a meeting or on any other business for the Lord, please call at 722 West Monroe St.

Your unworthy brother,  
Edd Vining.

### Blairsville, Ga.

Dear Brother:

I write these few lines to inform you that I have been given a discharge from the army and I am back at home again.

Thurman White.

### Notice.

The next quarterly conference of this church will be held July 6, 1918. Before that date we desire to hear from the following members:

Maddie Campton, Theodore	
Hardin, Irene Hardin, Annie	
Jenkins, Lester Walker, Ella	
Walker, Ellen Moore, Mrs. C. T.	
Stewart, Charlie Stewart, Fannie	
Chapman, Mrs. John Oulpepper,	
Minnie Moore.	

Please write at once and state what progress you are making in the Christian life.

By order of the church,  
F. E. Palerson, clerk,  
Gastonia, N. C.

### Asleep in Jesus.

On May 29, 1918, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Rosamond and carried away their two little children, aged one and three years. It was sad to part with them but God loved them and saw fit to call them home. Our loss is heaven's gain.

The bereaved parents have our heartfelt sympathy and prayers in this time of sorrow.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother W. N. Mitchell.

A friend,  
Susie Hall.

### Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still under the blood of Jesus.

The Lord is still pouring out His Spirit upon us and we are having some grand meetings. The Lord is continually saving souls in the services. They are coming from far and near. Praise the Lord! They call the Church of God "the power house."

Eight were received into the Church of God Sunday, June 2, and all were baptized with the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Praise the Lord! The joy bells are ringing in my soul. The Holy Ghost keeps a revival going all the time! I'm glad I found the way. There is joy, peace and happiness continually.

Your brother,  
W. S. Smith.

### Mena, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I wish to announce a camp meeting to begin July 7, 1918. I would be glad if you would send a delegate here from everywhere as we want to organize a church.

There have been about four hundred saints here; but the devil has sent all kinds of doctrines and caused some to backslide. Those who are here are cold.

But God has led us here and I received a message from God to call the ministry together and have a camp meeting and God would work a wonderful work in this country. So I am asking you to please notify all in every way you can. We are expecting the church to do its part.

There is a home prepared for every one. We have a saints' home to take care of all who will come.

Trusting to meet hundreds of the people of God on that date at Mena, Arkansas, I remain  
Yours in Jesus,

F. M. Smedley.

### Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in the Precious Name of Our Jesus:

I truly praise Him for what He has done for me and for the privilege of testifying through this blessed paper. I certainly love it; it is food to my soul. I can hardly wait for the day of its arrival. I could not get along without it.

I praise God for sending Brother and Sister Haynes to Chillicothe. They have been a blessing to us. I love them with all my heart.

I am really praising God for saving me from all sin, sanctifying me and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. It has been about eight years since I received this wonderful experience and the way grows brighter to me every day.

I expect to go all the way for I know Jesus will take me through. He has taken me through many hard places and I know He will never fail me. Bless His name!

I ask all who read these lines to pray for me that I shall be true and faithful to the end. Also pray for my family that they may be saved before it is too late.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. J. M. Whitten.

### Asheville, N. C.

Dear Evangel:

I want to praise Jesus today for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him, too, for His healing power.

When I was sanctified three years ago, I threw away all medicine that I found in my house. My little girl had been taking treatment twice each week for lung trouble. She had night fevers and suffered every night

just like one with pneumonia.

One day as I read Mathew 8:17. I said to Jesus: "Now I want you to take my infirmities and bear my little girl's sickness." And, beloved, He healed my child at that very moment and He is keeping her healed. She is rosy and well today. Praise God for Jesus!

If there is a class of people I love to pray and work for, it is the sick, infirm and lost. Jesus came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Peter, at one time, followed Jesus afar off, but I want to follow Him closely. Please pray that I may be always clothed with humility.

Yours under the blood,  
Mrs. Dovie Williams.

### Indianola, Miss.

Dear Evangel:

I am still praising God for victory over sin and Satan and for a determination in my heart to go all the way with Jesus.

I praise God for His wonderful healing power. Our little girl was sick thirteen weeks. What the disease was no one knows except God. For two weeks she could not speak, for nine weeks she could not walk. Three doctors failed to be able to diagnose the case, but thank God, for a Savior who understands and heals our disease. I am the only one at this place who has the Holy Ghost so we telephoned for some saints to come and pray for her, we also sent a telegram to the Evangel office, and thank God, we got the victory.

Some people think that because she did not get up immediately that she was not healed; but thank God, I believe she was raised in answer to prayer and fasting, and we give God the praise. Visions at her deathly form were seen at different times.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus who is able to keep both soul and body.

There are some here who want a Church of God preacher to come to this place. May the Lord send us a Spirit-filled minister to preach the precious Word.

I ask your prayers that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus.

Your sister,  
Ida Hamilton.

### Ridgedale, Tenn.

Dear Readers:

"Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear."

I am still praising God for saving me from my sins. I am so glad that He answers prayer. "Behold, the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry." In the time of trouble, sorrow and despair He will comfort and cheer us and make us feel glad. Oh, what a wonderful Savior! He is so precious to me.

Jesus is the light of the world. I am really glad today that I accepted the true light. Praise God!

May we all go deeper in Jesus, "and that, knowing the time that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

May God help us all to pray more, for prayer is the key to heaven.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. Lottie Byrd.

### Request.

I desire the prayers of all the saints scattered abroad that I may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I want to be "one of them" and meet Jesus when he comes after His bride.

Ambrus L. Miller.

### Tampa, Fla.

To The Dear Evangel Family:

Greetings in the name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, and is soon coming to claim His own and to take them up "to be ever with the Lord." Wonderful, wonderful love! Praise be to the Triune God!

God gave us the sweet privilege of being with His saints at the camp meeting at Wimauma for ten days, ten glorious days, glorious because of His presence and blessing—such unity, peace, joy and glory.

My husband who on account of sickness has not had the opportunity to be with his brethren for that period for five years was so greatly blessed, and we both have returned with our souls filled with greater desire and determination to do the whole will of God than ever.

We were most pleasantly domiciled at Sister Lou Ransone's cottage with others. Such love, kindness, consideration, as each showed the other of the saints there assembled could not, I think, be surpassed. We thank our dear Father for it all and feel our hearts glowing with love to every one. Such, oh Lord, is the communion of those who are "risen with Christ," who have their "conversation in heaven where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God."

There is good prospect, I think, of having built a dormitory for the preachers by the time we meet there again. Sister Ransone suggested to me that it would be a good idea—and I agree with her—if we women would make some pillows for the same out of scraps of cloth, cotton cloth, i. e. cut small scraps and stuff a case with them; they will lighten up when shaken and not get into lumps like the raw cotton does, and always be comfortable and handy. She also suggested that we might fix up a common box—with a lock and key if you choose—and the blankets and pillows be put in at the close of the meeting and left there in the dormitory. The boxes would make convenient seats to use during the camp meeting between services while in the dormitory.

Let us get ready to make the next gathering better than the last. "Pray for me," "Pray for me," was repeated many times and if we are piling petitions up at the throne as we promised we will all have more power with God and man by the fall camp meeting and our Christ will be pleased to be with us and that will make it a success. Praise Him forever!

Your sister under the blood,  
Carrie H. Giddens.

### Collinsville, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Readers of the Evangel:

I have been confined to my bed for two weeks with rheumatism. I am in the hands of God; His will be done. Now I am not a respecter of person, but some way I feel that if Brother Tomlinson and Brother Ellis would take time to pray one special prayer for me I would be healed.

It did my very soul good as I read in my paper this morning about the good meeting at Dora, Ala. I dropped my paper and clapped my hands for joy. And when I read Mrs. W. F. Maynor's letter I just had to shout. I have often thought that I would like to go to heaven just like Sister Middlebrook did.

Your sister,  
Mrs. May Roberts.

### Report and Announcement.

We have just closed a meeting at Songo Mines with good interest and good prospect of a later meeting.

We will begin a meeting in Oneonta, Ala. June 16, 1918.  
Mrs. Mary Howell.



**Alabama City, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We are glad to report victory here. Our state assembly which closed May 26, was a grand success. Brother Lemons was with us and dedicated the building.

We are delighted with the way the work is moving on. We have our regular Bible class on Tuesday nights which is very instructive. Then we have our prayer meeting on Thursday nights.

Our revival which has been going on over a week, closed last night. Ten or eleven were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and of course talked in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Our Sunday school surely is the best in the state. Over a hundred and fifty in actual attendance. I wish you could hear our little people sing and answer over a hundred questions from the Bible, also give a sketch of the lives of Bible characters, name the books of the Old and New Testaments and many other things. You would have to see them to appreciate our school. Well, we thank God for it.

We are praising God for the way He is keeping us in these evil times and for the deep settled peace in our souls.

We certainly do appreciate our pastor, Brother Gann, and his dear wife. They have been a great blessing to us and we all love them. The Lord is honoring their work.

I praise God because I am saved from sin right now.

Your sister in Christ,  
Ida Freeman.

**Report.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother D. R. Holcomb has just closed a meeting at Trafford, Ala. The church was set in order with eighteen members. Nine followed the Lord in water baptism.

We want all the saints to pray for the little band at this place that we shall live true and lift Jesus up to the people.

Your brother,  
T. M. Niblett.

**Schoolfield, Va.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God this morning because I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and healed.

Praise the Lord for Brother Hopkins who came here and succeeded in getting the work started.

It did me so much good to meet Brother McLain and hear him tell of the glory of God and see it in his face. Praise God! I am so glad a few people practice just what they preach.

I am so thankful for the Church of God Evangel, for the good testimonies it contains.

We desire the prayers of the saints.

Your brother in Christ,  
R. L. McBride.

**Knoxville, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We noticed in the Evangel your appeal for help in making the Evangel subscription list ten thousand. The Lord impressed my little girl to work some for the dear little paper that we so much enjoy having in our home. Enclosed you will find six dollars (\$6.00) subscription money.

She is sending her testimony to the paper.

This is at the Lonsdale church on the Knoxville work. God is wonderfully blessing. We desire your prayers.

J. B. Thompson.

[The service of this little girl is very greatly appreciated. Why not other little girls take up the same kind of work?—Ed.]

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all The Evangel Readers:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. How I thank Him

for saving me, sanctifying me and giving me the Holy Ghost.

I received the Holy Ghost almost two years ago and how I do thank the Lord because I still have the victory.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here at Knoxville.

I want all the saints to pray for me.

Your little sister,  
Elizabeth Thompson.

**Assiout, Egypt.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Your very kind letter was received, also the four dollars (\$4.00) for which we all thank you very much. May God reward the dear ones who have been so faithful for the last seven and a half years. Many have forgotten and don't send any more, but you have always sent such kind encouraging letters with your offering until sometimes it has done me such a lot of good that I am sure I shall never forget it.

A few weeks ago I put all of the babies to bed and then all of the large children went in the school room for special prayer meeting and then I told them all about the Church of God. They all wanted to join at once, but I said, "No; I am going to see if you are going to live very close to Jesus, and we will have special prayer meeting every Tuesday night so as to help each other live right."

So we have been having some very sweet little meetings and each one tells how he or she was tempted to do or say something naughty and then when they thought of the church and of our prayer meetings how God helped them to conquer.

We have half hour Bible study and prayer service every morning except Saturday, and song and prayer service every night.

The children are really very good little things and always try to please God in all of their ways. I feel sure that in the judgment day my work will not have been in vain.

I am just going to buy my wheat for the whole year; it comes so much cheaper because it is now harvest time. If I wait a few months the price advances nearly double. My flour costs me \$1150.00 a year, and do you know—it is wonderful, but He knew that I must buy the flour now—the Lord has sent me the whole amount so that I shall be able to buy it just at the time when it is the cheapest.

All of the money came from the Egyptians. O they are such kind, nice people! Many or most of them are Mohammedans but they are always kind to me and my family no matter what their religion may be. No wonder I love Egypt! The people are so dear to me. It is my home now and I am sure that there is no spot which I love so well as I do dear Assiout.

Some people think it a mistake to state in the paper that one has all of his needs supplied and that large sums of money have been given; they say that it causes people to quit contributing to one's needs, but I think that it is often times a help to others who may be trusting God to know that our God is faithful and supplies our needs out across the seas. Anyway our help cometh from God and we trust in Him and no one ever suffers by glorifying His name.

The children and I thank you very much indeed for the offering which you sent and ask God to bless you.

Your sister,  
Lillian Trasher.

**Notice.**

There will be an all day meeting at Copperhill, Belltown church, July 4th. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting. We desire the prayers of all that God's blessing may be upon us.

J. S. Walker.

**Chokloskee, Fla.**

Dear Saints of God:

O hallelujah! I feel like just ringing out a shout through the Evangel today, because I belong to the family of God. I am wearing the uniform of righteousness.

Zachariah said, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness." And praise God, five years ago when I was just a school girl wrapped in worldliness, which is sin, I found my way to this fountain. There at the cross I laid my sins down; God forgave me and I know it. I was changed in a moment of time. I knew I was born again, for the things I once loved I then hated and the things I once hated I then loved. I knew I had passed from death unto life.

The following month the Lord wonderfully sanctified me and for the first time in my life I praised God.

Oh, the way of the cross leads home and every one will have to come the same way, the way by the rugged cross.

The next step I saw was to receive the Holy Ghost. Thank God, through the gates of praise I entered in and He baptized me.

The next I see is the nine gifts of the Spirit and they are coming. Thank God!

For the latter rain is falling on the earth, And our hearts are filled With song and praise and mirth.

My heart goes out for the precious souls who have never heard of the "Latter Rain" that is falling. Hundreds are hungry for the truth. Many are sick of sham.

So many think God has a twentieth century method of saving people, but its the same old way.

A few weeks ago I went to Ft. Denard, Fla. with Brother and Sister Williams where we held a series of meetings. It did fill my heart with such courage and zeal for God to see those precious souls so hungry for the truth. At the first three services no one came to the altar but soon they began coming and before we came away there were twenty-six. Eight were wonderfully saved. One precious old lady who had never shouted before, got sanctified and shouted and danced. Praise God! Young men and young women were at the altar just the same as the old.

Surely God is talking to the hearts of people. Oh, Lord, how workers are needed!

Please pray for me that I shall be found in His will when He comes.

Your humble sister,  
Ida Mae Lopez.

**Red Bay, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say that I am still in the straight and narrow way and pressing on to higher ground.

We had a grand baptizing the first Sunday in June. Seventeen were baptized and twenty-one were added to the Church of God, making a total of thirty-six.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may press on and do God's will in all things.

Your brother in Christ,  
Raymond Funderback.

**Notice.**

The Church of God in Macon, Ga. is now located at 501 Giles St., South Macon, where we have a much larger attendance than formerly and it is in, I believe, the best community in town.

God is blessing and we expect to have a revival as soon as we can get our tent here. We shall be glad to correspond with a good organist (man preferred) who would like to get out in the work for the Master.

J. C. Thomason.

**Departed.**

On May 31, 1918, our beloved Sister Mary Freeman of McMinnville, Tenn., departed this life to be with Jesus.

About three years ago she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God of which she was a true and faithful member until death.

Our beloved sister had been a sufferer in body up till the time of her baptism, but when she received the Holy Ghost she turned her body over into the hands of the Great Physician who wonderfully healed her. In every testimony she gave she bore witness to the great healing power of her Lord and affirmed over and over that she meant to trust Him for her soul and body until death. Although a number of her friends and acquaintances suggested medical aid during her last illness she stood true to her God and trusted Him to the end.

Sister Freeman was always willing to bear her part of the burden and bear it with gladness. She would frequently say that if it took her life to bring the unsaved of her family and others to God, she would gladly lay it down. She always wore a smile on her face though at times the burdens for others would almost crush her heart.

We can truly say that she will be greatly missed by the church and above all by her companion and children, but her spirit has gone to the God who gave it, to await the resurrection morning.

We ask all the readers of the Evangel to pray a special prayer for her children who are unsaved and who promised her in her dying moments that they would meet her in heaven.

E. J. Boehmer.

**East Chattanooga, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning because He is visiting His people in East Chattanooga. Brother Willie Bell of Soddy came down unexpectedly to see us and has been preaching some.

A wonderful revival is the result.

Souls are being saved every night. God is sanctifying and baptizing the people with the Holy Ghost. The altar benches are wet with tears as souls pour out their hearts to God in prayer.

It is a blessed sight to see the light of salvation break over the faces of redeemed souls as they rise from their knees praising God that their names are written in heaven.

God is wonderfully using Brother Bell in reaching lost souls. Five have received the Holy Ghost, five sanctified and a number saved.

God is visiting His people in a wonderful way in these last days. "Like as of fire" has been seen here by many of the saints, flashing back and forth across the house.

I praise God this morning because every fetter that bound me has been broken. Jesus is the friend of sinners. He has saved me from such an awful life of sin. His blood is on my soul today. I praise God for making me a real overcomer.

Your brother,  
H. Byerly.

**Camp Pike, Ark.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am here in the camps. I want all who read this to pray that God will deliver me and give me the Holy Ghost.

Pray that I may stay humble and overcome all temptations.

Your brother,  
Jess Robison.

**Jayess, Miss.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother J. A. Davis and Brother R. C. Price have just closed a few night services here. One received the Holy Ghost and others are seeking.

We would be glad to hear from a band of workers that can hold a meeting for us in July.

Joe Rushing,  
R 1, Jayess, Miss.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson:

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Today finds me still striving against the power of the enemy. God has promised to take us through if we do our best. It is my desire to do something for the Lord.

I belonged to the Baptist church ten years but it seemed to me there was something better. I thank God for sending Brother Stephens here with the full gospel. I am so glad of the Church of God.

Please pray for us.

Your brother,  
J. T. Dorman.

**Special Notice.**

The State Assembly for Ga., is announced to be held during the campmeeting at Bethel, near Melrose, which begins July 5.

The subjects will be given out at the meeting.

There may be some Bishops and Deacons to ordain.

M. S. Lemons,  
Overseer-of Ga.

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**Plant City, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising my great Redeemer for saving me, sanctifying and giving me this wonderful Comforter, the blessed Holy Ghost.

I love Jesus, oh, I love Him!

I am sending a list of subscribers. If I do my best God will reward me. I do not expect it now, but hereafter. Praise God!

We mean to try to build a place of worship here. Please pray for the work at this place.

Your unworthy sister,  
M. L. Morgan.

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